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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

1. AMB SCHAUFLELE CALLED MOROCCAN PERMREP SLAOUI
DEC 10 TO VOICE US RESERVATIONS ABOUT DRAFT RES ON
SPANISHSAHARA. REMINED SLAOUI THAT US HAD AGREED
SUPPORT SIMPLE, NON-PREJUDICIAL RES REFERRING MATTER
TO COURT BUT DRAFT INCLUDED REFERENCES TO GA RESES ON
DECOLONIZATION AND FOREIGN ECONOMIC ISSUES WITH WHICH
US NOT IN AGREEMENT.

2. SLAOUI UNDERScored HOW MUCH MOROCCO WANTED US VOTE.
SCHAUFLELE SAID WE HAD NOT MADE FINAL DECISION BUT
ABSTENTION WAS GOOD POSSIBILITY. SLAOUI THEN ASKED
THAT, IF US ABSTAINED, IT NOT TELL OTHERS BEFORE VOTE
AND EXPLAIN ITS VOTE AFTER VOTE. SCHAUFLELE SAID HE SAW
NO PROBLEM IN THAT REGARD.

3. FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER SLAOUI CALLED SCHAUFLELE TO SAY
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HE HAD TELEPHONED FONMIN LARAKI IN RABAT WHO HAD IN TURN

BEEN IN TOUCH WITH KING IN FEZ. WITHOUT SAYING SO DIRECTLY SLAOUI IMPLIED THAT GOM CONSIDERED US HAD MADE COMMITMENT TO VOTE FOR MOROCCAN RES.

4. SCHAUFLE REMINDED SLAOUI THAT US HAD BEEN COMMITTED ONLY TO "SIMPLE, NON-PREJUDICIAL" RES REFERRING QUESTION TO COURT FOR ADVISORY OPINION. IN ADDITION HE RECALLED THAT LARAKI IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB SCALI (USUN 5775) AGREED THAT US HAD "COMPLETELY" FULFILLED ITS COMMITMENT IN MAKING STATEMENT IN FOURTH COMMITTEE SUPPORTING THIS PRINCIPLE. COMMENT WE ARE LOOKING POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONING VOTE OR ADOPTING RES BY CONSENSUS OR "WITHOUT OBJECTION". POSTPONEMENT PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE SINCE THIS MORNING'S MEETING IS LAST SCHEDULED FOR COMMITTEE. IN VIEW DIFFICULTY IN ACHIEVING AGREEMENT OF CO-SPONSORS TO TEXT OF RES WE THINK POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES IS EXCLUDED.

5. FACT IS MOROCCANS ARE STRETCHING US COMMITMENT BEYOND THAT CONVEYED TO LARAKI (USUN 5445). CONTRARY TO LATTER'S CONTENTION (RABAT 5967)US HAD NEVER SAID PUBLICLY IT WOULD VOTE FOR MOROCCAN RES.

6. AS USUAL MOROCCANS CONTINUE TO DISCLAIM LINKAGE BETWEEN THEIR VOTE ON KHMER QUESTION AND OUR POSITION ON SPANISH SAHARA ALTHOUGH THIS IS OBVIOUSLY NOT THE CASE.

7. KHMER CREDENTIALS WILL COME BEFORE PLENARY DEC 16 OR 17 AND OUR BEST PRESENT ESTIMATE IS THAT WE WILL NEED EVERY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE WE CAN GET TO ASSURE ACCEPTANCE KHMER CREDENTIALS. SINCE TUNISIANS WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW MOROCCAN LEAD ON CREDENTIALS ISSUE, LOSS OF MOROCCAN SUPPORT COULD RESULT IN TWO LESS YES VOTES ON CREDENTIALS.

8. RELUCTANTLY, THEREFORE, FOR THIS REASON USUN RECOMMENDS YES VOTE ON SPANISH SAHARA RES WITH EXPLANATION OF OUR RESERVATIONS.

9. SPANIARDS HAVE JUST INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL NOT AGREE TO CONSENSUS. IN ADDITION THEY HAVE ONLY INDICATED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO US THAT THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A JOINT FOURTH AND SIXTH COMMITTEE PROCEDURE TO REDRAFT THE TEXT OF THE QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ICJ. OTHER WISE SPAINARDS HAVE NOT APPROACHED US ON TEXT OF RES.
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